

Remembrance Ceremony for *Joe Kealey*



March 23, 1964 - January 11, 2010



THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2010
10 A.M.

EMPLOYEE MEMORIAL COURTYARD
NJDOT HEADQUARTERS, EWING

A Tribute to Joe

"Joe was a very gentle, kind and loving man. We had the opportunity to work with Joe on the weekends several times. Joe greeted everybody with a "Good Morning - How are you?" Joe backed you up and assisted you on a stop when needed. Joe - you are missed very much! God Bless you and your family always."

Bill Hague, ESP Operator, Cherry Hill

Dear Mrs. Kealey,

On January 2nd, my husband and I ran out of gas on I-295. It was bitterly cold and dark and cars were flying by us. We were a little embarrassed and angry at ourselves but also scared. We sat for a minute trying to figure out what to do. Out of the night came our Guardian Angel, Joe. Your husband went out of his way to help us. We could tell that Joe Kealey was a very loving man. He told us how we should fill our tank on "Wacky Wednesday" as he fills up your car. He stayed with us as we tried several times to start our car. He protected us as we tried to get back on the road by moving his truck out a little behind ours so that the crazy traffic would have to slow down. He made sure we knew how to get off at the next exit to find a gas station. He did all of this with wonderful warmth and a smile.

Joe would not take a tip but he asked me to rate his service on an NJDOT survey card. I did, but had not mailed it when I heard the terrible news on my way home from work. My husband and I are so saddened and shocked at your loss. We knew him for a little while and realized what a wonderful person he was. We can't imagine what a loss it is for his family and friends.



With deepest sympathy,

**Ed and Patti Ritter
Pitman, NJ**

(Customers helped by Joe
a week before he was killed
in the line of duty)

Program

Bagpipe Processional:	Sergeant Daniel J. Murphy New Jersey State Police Pipe Band
Master of Ceremonies:	Dhanesh (Dennis) Motiani , Director Division of Traffic Operations
Invocation:	Alfred J. Brenner III , Director Division of Support Services
Pledge of Allegiance:	Joe's ESP Colleagues ESP South and ESP North
Welcome Remarks:	James S. Simpson , Commissioner
Remarks:	Major Heidi Scripture Deputy Branch Commander Field Operations Section New Jersey State Police
Vocal Selection:	Anna Vereen Division of Employee Support
Remarks:	James R. Hogan, P.E. Executive Director Statewide Traffic Operations
Unveiling of Joe Kealey's Memorial Plaque and Placement of Wreath by Family members	Norman Hamilton , Shift Supervisor and Friend of Joe Kealey Cherry Hill ESP
Tolling of the Bells:	Jessica Kealey Daughter of Joe Kealey
Presentation of American Flag flown in Iraq by Senior Master Sergeant David Reimer , United States Air Force	Commissioner James S. Simpson, Mrs. Patricia Kealey and Joe's daughters Jaclyn and Jessica
Closing Prayer:	Mike Sikora , Percussionist Greater Trenton Symphony Orchestra
Recessional:	Vincent Cortese , Manager Bureau of Traffic Operations South
	Paul Peterson , ESP Operator, Springfield
	Sergeant Daniel J. Murphy New Jersey State Police Pipe Band

YOUR SACRIFICE AND THAT OF YOU

Joe Kealey
January 11, 2010

Alphonse T. Santoro
May 18, 1973

Donald R. Shillcutt
August 23, 1991

Francis J. DePietro
September 10, 1994

Service....Dedication....Sacrifice

"I did not know Joe that well at all. We worked together a couple of times but I really did not know him like the guys who worked with him every day. But you know what, I did not need to know Joe well to know what he was like. He was an ESP Driver...and though there are many different personalities in ESP, when we go through the gates to our highway, we are all ESP. We serve and help those in need, comfort those in trouble and we are just there. So I know what Joe was like...ready with a smile, the calm voice, the devoted service. He was ESP."

Paul Peterson, ESP Operator, Springfield



IN MEMORY OF JOE KEALEY



MOVE OVER LAW
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**JOSEPH KEALEY
ESP OPERATOR**

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS SOUTH

3/23/64 – 1/11/10

On Monday, January 11, 2010, our friend and colleague, Joseph Kealey, Emergency Service Patrol (ESP) Operator, Traffic Operations South, made the ultimate sacrifice while assisting a disabled motorist on I-76 eastbound in South Jersey. Joe was only 45 years old and is survived by a loving wife and two daughters.

Joe made a lasting impression not only on his DOT Co-Workers but on the motoring public that he loved to serve. He truly was a “Good Samaritan” and the South Jersey roadways that he patrolled so passionately have lost a great Ambassador. They will never be the same without him.

TRAFFIC SAFETY LAW PROTECTING EMERGENCY PERSONNEL

Joe's passing is a profound reminder of the importance of motorists to be vigilant and alert while driving New Jersey's highways and to obey speed limit restrictions. It is imperative that drivers are aware of their surroundings and **SLOW DOWN** when traveling through a construction work zone or witnessing an Emergency Responder assisting a motorist on the shoulder of a roadway.

On January 27, 2009, New Jersey enacted the **MOVE OVER LAW** which requires drivers approaching stationary emergency vehicles, tow trucks and other highway safety vehicles displaying flashing lights to move over one lane or, if not safe to move over, then to slow down below the posted speed limit. Failure to move over or slow down is punishable by a fine of \$100.00 to \$500.00; no points will be assessed for the offense.

For more information on the **MOVE OVER LAW**, please access the Division of Highway Traffic Safety's website at www.njsaferoads.com

Joe died serving and protecting the public that he loved. We ask all motorists for their cooperation in **SLOWING DOWN** and observing the speed limit while driving.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Gratefully,
Joe's ESP Friends and Colleagues